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Subject: stop the parody of our freedom at yucca mountain

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> Dear Ms. Hanlon: I am writing to express my deep concern over the Yucca Mountain Project and the flawed process railroading it toward unacceptable approval. How can the Secretary of Energy be preparing to recommend Yucca Mountain for a high-level nuclear waste dump when thousands of public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement still have not been addressed? Without a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a
> detailed transportation plan, finalized Dept. of Energy repository
> siting guidelines, or a Nuclear Regulatory Commission repository
> licensing rule, the Department of Energy lacks any basis whatsoever for
> consideration of site suitability. The public cannot accept a
> recommendation to move ahead with the Yucca Mountain Project that arises
> from such a fatally flawed process.>
I suggest that it would be easier and more fruitful for the United States to abandon its nuclear energy program and proceed with the same vigor on the path to a renewable energy future. Some reasons to rethink /abandon the idea of long-term storage at YUucca Mountian:
Yucca Mountain is a very
> active earthquake zone. The highly fractured and fissured rock allows
> rainwater infiltration at a fast rate, which will corrode waste
> containers and wash their deadly contents into the groundwater, the
> drinking water supply for nearby farming communities. As pointed out to
> DOE three years ago by over 200 environmental groups, this fast flow of
> water should be disqualify Yucca Mountain from further consideration,
> for it violates DOE's own repository siting guidelines.>
> Given that 75% of commercial nuclear reactors are east of the
> Mississippi River, moving the waste many thousands of miles across the
> country to Nevada would require many tens of thousands of shipments,

> past the homes of 50 million Americans, through
 43 States. A severe
 > transport accident on our roads and rails, such
 as the recent Baltimore
 > train tunnel fire, could release radiation and
 cost tens or hundreds of
 > billions of dollars to clean up, not to mention
 the untold health
 > impacts. In addition, DOE has not addressed
 terrorist and sabotage
 > threats against high-level waste shipments.>
 > I urge you to abandon the Yucca Mountain
 Project and the countless
 > "Mobile Chernobyl" truck and train shipments it
 would launch. Sincerely,
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 > United States House of Representatives>
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